

109TH CONGRESS  
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Designating the week of February 6, 2006 as “National Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Week”.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. CRAPO submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on 

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# RESOLUTION

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Whereas 1 in 3 female high school students reports being physically abused or sexually abused by a dating partner;

Whereas over 40 percent of male and female high school students surveyed had been victims of dating violence at least once;

Whereas violent relationships in adolescence can have serious ramifications for victims, who are at higher risk for substance abuse, eating disorders, risky sexual behavior, suicide, and adult re-victimization;

Whereas the severity of violence among intimate partners has been shown to increase if the pattern was established in adolescence;

Whereas 81 percent of parents surveyed either believed dating violence is not a problem or admitted they did not know it is a problem; and

Whereas the establishment of a “National Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Week” will benefit schools, communities, and families regardless of socioeconomic status, race, or gender: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2               (1) designates the week of February 6, 2006 as  
3       “National Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Pre-  
4       vention Week”; and

5               (2) calls on the people of the United States, es-  
6       pecially high schools, law enforcement, local, and  
7       State officials, and interested groups to observe the  
8       week with appropriate activities that promote aware-  
9       ness and prevention of the crime of teen dating vio-  
10      lence in our communities.